

We Claim:

1. A tool comprising:
a first functional instrument including a first handle,
a second functional instrument including a second handle,
the first functional instrument engaging the second functional instrument, forming a composite instrument, and
the first handle mating with the second handle when the first functional instrument is engaged with the second instrument forming a composite handle.
2. A tool according to claim 1,
wherein the first functional instrument is a trocar instrument.
3. A tool according to claim 1,
wherein the second functional instrument is a cannula instrument.
4. A tool according to claim 1
wherein the composite handle is adapted, in use, to transmit longitudinal force to the composite instrument.
5. A tool according to claim 1
wherein the composite handle is adapted, in use, to transmit rotational force to the composite instrument.
6. A tool according to claim 1
wherein the composite handle is adapted, in use, to transmit both longitudinal and rotational forces to the composite instrument.
7. A tool according to claim 1,
wherein the composite handle is adapted, in use, to receive a striking force.
8. A tool according to claim 1,
wherein the composite handle is constructed of

material capable of resisting deformation when a striking force is applied.

9. A tool according to claim 1, wherein the second functional instrument is a cannula, and

5 the first functional instrument is a trocar sized for passage through the cannula.

10. A tool according to claim 9, wherein the trocar is longer than the cannula.

11. A tool according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the first handle and second handle is composed of material that indicates whether at least one of the first functional instrument and the second functional instrument has been heat sterilized.

12. A tool according to claim 11, wherein the material degrades when exposed to heat.

13. A tool according to claim 12, wherein the deformation prevents the first handle from coupling with the second handle.

14. A tool according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the first handle and second handle is composed of material that indicates whether at least one of the first functional instrument and the second functional instrument has been sterilized by least one of radiation and sterilization chemicals.

15. A tool according to claim 14, wherein the material changes colors when exposed to at least one of radiation and sterilization chemicals.

16. A method of accessing bone which utilizes the tool of claim 1.

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